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Indictment Dropped in Case Related to Ex-CIA Agent's Conviction  
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A federal judge Friday dismissed an indictment against former Canadian businessman Robert A. Manina after a prosecutor said the charges, related to the investigation of ex-CIA agent Edwin P. Wilson, were technically flawed.

U.S. District Judge Richard L. Williams granted a request by prosecutor Theodore S. Greenberg that the Aug. 2 indictment against Manina be dropped. Greenberg said a new indictment will be sought.

Manina, a former Ontario business executive, had been accused of violating U.S. regulations in the sale of sensitive, American-made night vision equipment to Libya via Canada in 1977.

In an affidavit filed here, Manina said Wilson and two prospective Libyan customers visited Manina's office in August 1977. The night vision gear later was shipped to Libya as part of a \$900,000 long-range surveillance system.

Wilson was convicted last month in Alexandria on federal firearms and export charges involving the shipment of four handguns and an M-16 rifle to Libya.

Manina, who was living in Ireland at the time of his indictment and who now lives in Canada, has denied any wrongdoing.